

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and for courtesies extended during the telephone interview

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 16, and 20 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 5, 16, and 20.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 2, 3, and 16 have been amended to correct antecedent basis and to clarifying wording in the claims. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1-3 and 5-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by iPlanet Directory Server Administrator's Guide (Document ID 816-0799-01) ("iPlanet").

Applicant respectfully asserts that iPlanet is not valid prior art to this application. As evidenced by the declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 mailed October 4, 2004, the present invention was conceived prior to the effective 102(a) date of iPlanet, and subsequently constructively reduced to practice with due diligence exercised by the inventors. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220/021001; P5834).

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